AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended): A method of standardizing character information in electronic documents comprising the steps of:

comparing <u>character information including character code and font information</u> a font <u>for each character</u> used in an electronic document to <u>character information</u> a font within a target replacement font set in order to automatically generate a [[font]] comparison table for use during actual <u>character information</u> [[font]] replacement;

presenting said [[font]] comparison table to a user;

said user amending errors in said [[font]] comparison table; and

actually replacing said <u>character information including character code and font information</u> [[font]] used in said electronic document based on said [[font]] comparison table as amended.

2. (Currently amended): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 1, wherein said step of comparing further comprises:

inputting an electronic source document;

inputting a font set used in said electronic source document;

inputting a target standardization font set;

inputting a comparison table made in a previous conversion;

inputting font object information to describe a rule set to limit objects of character comparison and a rule set related to mapping for each kanji radical; and

outputting a [[font]] comparison table candidate list.

3. (Currently amended): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 2, further comprising the step of:

outputting weighting information regarding mapping between similar <u>character codes</u> characters as a reference file.

4. (Currently amended): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 2, wherein said [[font]] comparison table candidate list takes as

elements groups comprising one character <u>code</u> within a source font and a plurality of ~~characters~~ <u>character codes</u> within a target font compatible with said source font.

5. (Currently amended): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 4, further comprising adding priority level information for said plurality of <u>character codes</u> ~~characters~~ within said target font.

6. (Currently amended): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 1, wherein the [[font]] comparison table is a list taking as elements a corresponding relationship between a group of a source font set and character code within this source font set and a group of a target font set and character code within this target font set.

7. (Original): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 1, wherein said step of comparing is carried out automatically using Optical Character Recognition (OCR) technology.

8. (Currently amended): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 1, wherein said step of amending error in said [[font]] comparison table further comprises the steps of:

      displaying a candidate list for the [[font]] comparison table for every entry; and

      said user selecting one character <u>code</u> from said candidate list.

9. (Currently amended): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 1, wherein a [[font]] comparison table and a rule set describing a structure of a source electronic document are input and standardization of fonts and character code used in said source electronic document are carried out in said step of replacing said <u>character information</u> [[font]].

10. (Currently amended): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 1, wherein said font set to be provided as a replacement font is a font with Unicode encoding set of the Unicode font.